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SUBJECT: KUWAITI PREPARATIONS FOR ARAB SUMMIT: PRESS
REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE

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1. KUWAIT PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT KUWAIT AMIR
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MEETING TODAY WITH FON MIN AND CROWN PRINCE TO REVIEW

STATUS, AND RESPONSES TO, KUWAIT'S REQUEST TO ARAB LEAGUE FOR ARAB SUMMIT ON LEBANON. AL SIYASAH (AUGUST 21) REPORTS THAT KUWAITI "POLITICAL STRATEGY" TO ACHIEVE SUMMIT WILL BE DRAWN UP AT AMIR'S MEETING AND THAT FON MIN WILL DEPART FOR SAUDI ARABIA WITHIN 48 HOURS TO DISCUSS SUMMIT PROPOSAL, "SINCE RIYAD IS SUGGESTED" AS LOCALE FOR SUMMIT. REPORT SAYS "SPECIAL INFORMATION" INDICATES ARAB CONSENSUS TO HOLD SUMMIT BEFORE RAMADAN (BEGINNING AUGUST 26 OR 27). SEVERAL PRESS REPORTS SAY THAT KUWAITI COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING AUGUST 22 WILL BE DEVOTED PARTLY TO STUDYING STATUS OF SUMMIT PROPOSAL AND STUDYING "REPORT" ON PROPOSAL AND RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM THE OTHER ARAB LEAGUE GOVERNMENTS. CURRENT REPORTED TALLY (AL SIYASAH, AUGUST 21) OF GOVERNMENTS FAVORING SUMMIT INCLUDES: KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT, SUDAN, TUNISIA, NORTH YEMEN, SOUTH YEMEN, UAE, AND QATAR. PLO AGAIN REPORTED IN FAVOR ALSO.

2. COMMENT: SCHEDULING OF SUMMIT BEFORE RAMADAN, AS INDICATED THIS REPORT, APPEARS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE, THOUGH REPORTED RIYAD SITE WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR EVENTUAL MEETING. WE NOTE THAT KUWAIT FON MIN HIMSELF WILL BE TIED UP AUGUST 23 - 25 WITH VISIT OF OMANI FON MIN, IF HE ADHERES TO REPORTED CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR OMANI VISIT.
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